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DREDGING LEASE

APPLICANT:

Department of Transportation
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AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands located east of the Benicia-Martinez Bridge, city of Benicia, Contra Costa County and city of Martinez, Solano County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Dredge a maximum of 50,000 cubic yards of material for the creation of an access channel to the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet. Dredged materials will be disposed of at the U. S. Army Corps of Engineer's approved upland disposal site at Winter Island.

LEASE TERM:

One year, beginning January 7, 2002, ending January 6, 2003.

CONSIDERATION:

No royalty will be charged for disposal of dredged material; a minimum of \$0.65 per cubic yard will be charged for any material used for private benefit or commercial sale purposes.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The proposed alignment of the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge will have a negative operational impact on the existing navigation corridor serving the MARAD Reserve Fleet. The dredging project will serve to mitigate those changes to the waterway.

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2. On October 19, 2000, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) granted Permit # 17-99(M) under its certified program. (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15251(h)).

Staff has reviewed the document and determined that the conditions, as specified in Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15253b, have been met for the Commission to use the environmental analysis document certified by the BCDC as a functional equivalent in order to comply with the requirements of CEQA.

3. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
Regional Water Quality Control Board
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

EXHIBITS:

- A. Site and Location Map
- B. Site and Location Map – Dredge Area

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS DOCUMENT (SFBCDC PERMIT #17-99(M)), WAS ADOPTED FOR THIS PROJECT BY THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (BCDC) UNDER ITS CERTIFIED PROGRAM (TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 1525(h)), AND THAT THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION THEREIN AND CONCURS IN BCDC'S DETERMINATION.

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SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DREDGING LEASE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEGINNING JANUARY 7, 2002, FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, FOR DREDGING OF A MAXIMUM OF 50,000 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL ALONG THE CARQUINEZ STRAIT FOR THE CREATION OF AN ACCESS CHANNEL TO THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION'S SUISUN BAY RESERVE FLEET. DREDGED MATERIAL WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS APPROVED UPLAND DISPOSAL SITE AT WINTER ISLAND. SUCH PERMITTED ACTIVITY IS CONTINGENT UPON APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PERMITS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ISSUED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. NO ROYALTY SHALL BE CHARGED FOR DISPOSAL OF DREDGED MATERIAL; \$0.65 PER CUBIC YARD SHALL BE CHARGED FOR ANY MATERIAL USED FOR PRIVATE BENEFIT OR COMMERCIAL SALE PURPOSES.